Medical colleges running in the country without approval

†791. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of medical colleges are being run in the country which do not have necessary approval of Government;

(b) if so, names of such colleges together with the names of the States in which these colleges are being run; and

(c) the action taken by Government against these colleges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) No such data is maintained centrally. As and when any such report is received, the Medical Council of India caution the public through press release giving the correct status of such college.

Polio cases in Bihar

792. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State of Bihar continues to show cases of polio in spite of repeated and intensive efforts at immunization;

(b) whether the reasons for this are (i) inadequate cold chain specially due to bleak power scenario, (ii) lack of adequate arrangement for backing up electric generators and fuels for them, (iii) lack of motivation among staff, and (iv) submission of unreliable data about coverage of immunization; and

(c) if so, what corrective steps Government plan to take so that not only this but other national health programmes too are implemented proplerly?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) There has been significant decline in the number of polio cases in Bihar due to implementation of intensified polio eradication activities. These have declined from 158 in 1998 to 123 in 1999, 50 in 2000 and 5 during 2001 reported till 20th July, 2001.

(b) Cold chain is being maintained well in Bihar by provision of diesel generators at district headquarters and Primary Health Centres (PHCs). To maintain uninterrupted power supply for cold chain, funds for fuel for gensets are provided from Reproductive and Child Health Programme of the Government of India. Vaccine vial monitors are imprinted on the labels of every vial of Oral Polio Vaccine to ensure that no vaccine with loss of potency is used in the field. The staff involved in the programme are being trained and sensitized on a regular basis. They are also being provided without of pocket expenses for the Pulse Polio Programme. Evaluation of coverage of pulse polio immunization by independent agencies during 2000-2001 revealed a coverage level of 89.6% in Bihar.

(c) The Government of India is taking all possible measures to monitor effective implementation of national health programmes including polio eradication programme in all States with more focused attention to Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. In addition to national and sub-national Polio immunization rounds, house-to-house pre-emptive mop-up vaccination in high-risk districts and mop-up vaccination in the districts in which confirmed polio cases are detected and in the surrounding districts are being conducted in Bihar together with IEC/ social mobilization efforts.

Increase in the incidence of Malaria

793. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minisrer of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a rapid increase in the incidence of Malaria in the country;

(b) the expenditure on National Malaria Control Programme during the past five years; and